

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2000
PARAMEDIC TASK FORCE MEETING
Burbank Holiday Inn

MEMBERS	EMSA STAFF	ALTERNATES	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Debbie Becker	Richard McSherry	Michael Harris	Dean Anderson	Jim Allen
Bill Bower	Nancy Steiner	Nancy Justin	Jan Ogar	Linda Anderson
Nancy Casazza	Connie Telford	Mike Metro		Dick Mayberry
Bill Cody	Richard Watson			Dave Magnino
Carol Gunter				David Nevins
Jim Holbrook				Frank Pratt
Sabina Imrie				
Bill Koenig				
Marshall Morton				AUDIENCE
Tony Pallitto				<u>PRESENT</u>
Kevin Rittger				
Sam Stratton				
Kevin White				Jeff Eastman

I Review and Approval of January 18, 2000 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved with no changes.

II Setting of the Agenda

An update on the Statement on Scope of Practice document was added to the Agenda.

Nancy Steiner reported that the EMS Authority has received 8 letters for comment on the Statement on Scope of Practice document. Two were in support and others had various comments. She will provide a matrix of the comments to the Paramedic Task Force (PTF) to review as a group at a future meeting.

Dr. Koenig reported that EMDAC is spending a lot of time on this document, and that they are not clear on the goal of this document. There was a suggestion that Carol Gunter and Dr. Stratton or someone else from the PTF attend an EMDAC meeting to help explain the goal and purpose of the document.

The PTF will continue with discussion on the Statement on Scope of Practice after comments from constituent groups have been received.

III Draft Model Disciplinary Guidelines

The PTF continued to review the draft Model Disciplinary Orders (MDOs). The first 13 Model Numbers were reviewed with no changes. Some of the more significant items changed in other MDOs were:

Practical Skills Examination and Oral Skills Examination

After some discussion, the wording in MDOs Practical Skills Examination and Oral Skills Examination was changed for consistency in the waiting period between exam attempts (at least 2 weeks between exam attempts). Also, the number of attempts to pass the exam was limited to 3 attempts instead of 4.

Obey All Laws

After much debate over the wording of this MDO (whether the paramedic should be required to obey all laws or to obey all laws relating to the practice of a paramedic), the PTF voted on whether or not to accept the wording as

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currently written, but the vote was too close to approve the wording as it is. Richard McSherry will discuss this MDO with Mike Hammang from the State Attorney General's Office, and he will propose new language in the next revision of the MDOs for the PTF to discuss at the next meeting.

Performance Improvement Plan (PIP)

The PTF continued discussion on the Performance Improvement Plan. Requiring a paramedic to be employed while meeting the conditions of probation was deleted as MDO # 28 and added to the PIP. Also added was that the PIP should be developed by the EMSA in conjunction with the local EMS Agency and the respondent's employer. The PTF agreed that item 2 (observation of practice utilizing evaluation of patient care versus patient outcome), and item 3 (research and report on pertinent topics) be deleted from the PIP.

The remainder of the MDOs conditions of probation were approved with only minor typographical changes.

Violations and Recommended Conditions

The PTF voted to change the disciplinary actions for a violation of H & S Code number 1, fraud in the procurement of any certificate..., to Maximum Discipline: Revocation or denial, Recommended Discipline: Revocation or denial, and Minimum Discipline: Revocation stayed, 60 day suspension/denial. The PTF deferred discussion on Disciplinary Action number 5, the commission of any fraudulent, dishonest, or corrupt act..., to the next meeting.

IV Adjournment

The PTF agreed that the next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 29, 2000 at the Alameda County EMS Agency in Oakland.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.